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Introduction

The Football Federation Victoria (FFV) is pleased to announce that the 2005 naming rights sponsor for the Premier League is Vodafone.

The new partnership promises to expand the game of football like never before and will provide a season of huge rewards.

The FFV is thrilled to be in partnership with Vodafone and for them to take on the naming rights of the 2005 Premier League.

As football continues to grow, we eagerly await what is in store for 2005. Nationally we will see the Hyundai A-League take form and the National team make their move on the World Cup qualifiers.

For Victorians, the Premier League is the pinnacle of our domestic game and this year we welcome South Melbourne, Melbourne Knights, Heidelberg United and the Sunshine Georgies to the 2005 Vodafone Premier League.

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Altona Magic

Altona Magic continued its revival as a Premier League power in 2004 and surprised many by finishing runners up to Champions, Bulleen Zebras.



On its path to the Grand Final the Magic survived three sudden death encounters and managed to oust Preston, Oakleigh and Green Gully in thrilling fashion. Altona's luck finally ran out against its Grand Final nemesis, the Bulleen Zebras and lost on penalties.

This year the Magic welcomes Ken Murphy as coach and the former National team star will definitely bring loads of experience to the club. Murphy is no stranger to the VPL and will look towards taking the Magic to its fourth Premiership title.

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2005 Team List

PLAYERS NAME	Transfer
Martin John (GK)	Transfer
Stiven Mrkela	Renewal
Marcus Stergiopoulos	Renewal
Doug Mladenovic	Renewal
Kole Delev	Renewal
Koce Delev	Renewal
Alfonso Opazo	Renewal
Sash Becvinovski	Renewal
Cameron Pino	Renewal
Levent Osman	Renewal
Rocco Di Vitto	Transfer
Pece Cergovski	Renewal
Simon Storey	Transfer
Jason Dimitrevski	Renewal
Colin Azzopardi	Transfer
Stuart Riddle	Transfer
Slave Bozinovski	Renewal
Igor Kolevski	Renewal
Goran Lozanovski	Waiting on clearance
John Cvetkovski	Transfer

Bentleigh Greens



The Bentleigh Greens survived a relegation scare last season but managed some crucial wins to ensure their place in the 2005 VPL season.

This year the Greens return under the instruction of Mick Kupinic, who replaced Ian Williamson mid way through the season. Kupinic faces a strong challenge with the quality of opposition at an all time best.

Bentleigh is hoping for a healthy start to the season and has brought in some new faces to strengthen the squad. Among the new recruits is Chilean midfielder, Cesar Leyton along with Nick Veljovic who will definitely add some value on the field.

The Greens produced some spectacular upsets last season against some of the strongest VPL sides, which they will need to repeat if they are to succeed this season.

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2005 Team List

Jim Kotsoulos	Transfer
Tas Psonis	Transfer
Stath Kourkoutzelos	Renewal
Chris Driver	Renewal
Fred Au	Renewal
Manny Karas	Renewal
Evan Papadopoulos	Renewal
Jonathon Astorino	Renewal
Andrew Mavros	Renewal
Vince Bontemps	Transfer
Theo Constantinou	Renewal
<u>Mladen Kustura</u>	Transfer
Ivo Madeira	Transfer
Nick Veljovic	Transfer
Cesar Leyton	Transfer
Paul Theoharous	Renewal
Yanni Galanos	Renewal
Marcelo Pena	Contract

Bulleen Zebras

The 2004 VPL Champions have lost some players from its starting line-up, but still have the potential to be a dominating force in their search to achieve back-to-back titles.



After leading the title race for most of the season, Bulleen followed through and defeated its Grand Final nemesis, the Altona Magic to win the Championship.

Peter Ollerton remains in charge and in 2005 he has brought in last year's dual Gold Medal winner, Ricky Diaco and Zravko Atanasovski to complement his squad.

While the absences of Ben Harbinson and Robert Santilli will be noticed, the likes of Michael Mazzini and Ross Antoniadis continue to make the Zebras strong enough to repeat last year's winning form.

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2005 Team List

Michael Theoklitos	Renewal
Chris Aldunate	Renewal
Dean Tartaglia	Renewal
Stelios Drakos	Renewal
Ross Antoniadis	Renewal
Michael Mazzini	Renewal
Josip Kozic	Renewal
Denis Vucinic	Renewal
Ricky Diaco	Transfer
Ari Drakos	Renewal
Damian Guglielmi	Renewal
Billy Celeski	Renewal
Zdravko Atanasovski	Transfer
Ryan Ollerton	Renewal
Steve Martin	Renewal
Costa Tsioukis	Renewal
Josh Del Rio	Renewal
Bojo Jevdjovic	Transfer
Nikola Roganovic	Transfer

Essendon Royals



The Essendon Royals enter the 2005 VPL season with strong ambitions to make an impact, after a disheartened result that saw them finish eighth overall.

Despite fielding a strong squad and boasting the league's top goal scorer, the Royals found it difficult to get into a rhythm. However, there are positive signs ahead with the team growing stronger as a unit.

Michael Michalakopoulos steps in as head coach after David Clarkson moves on. The introduction of Michalakopoulos has also brought further changes such as the departure of Steven Pace, Dean Anastasiadis, Vaughn Coveny and Nick Curtis.

These departures have kept the Royals busy and have since signed a number of players including Ben Harbison among many. Together with their striking machine, Michael Curcija, the Royals have the ability to make the impact they have been waiting for.

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2005 Team List

Ben Harbinson	Transfer
Tom Chillico	Transfer
Len Catalano	Transfer
Mark Silic	Transfer
Josip Loncaric	Transfer
Johnathon Coyne	Waiting on clearance
Nathan Thomas	Renewal
Serdar Pir	Renewal
Cameron Miles	Renewal
Ricky Chillico	Renewal
Michael Catalano	Renewal
Ricky Catalano	Renewal
Tony Catalano	Renewal
Frank Catalano	Renewal
Daniel Ferguson	Renewal
Michael Curcija	Renewal
Mile Medjedovic	Renewal
Steve Iosifidis	Waiting on clearance

Fawkner/Whittlesea Blues

An off-season merger between the Fawkner Blues and the now defunct Whittlesea Stallion has brought to light the Fawkner/Whittlesea Blues.



The new club will alternate home grounds between CB Smith Reserve and Epping Soccer Stadium and will boast a strengthened line-up under the guidance of John Markovski.

After a slow start to the 2004 season, Fawkner found itself wallowing at the bottom end of the table resulting in a change of coaches, which ultimately saw the appointment of John Markovski.

A strong surge late in the season secured Fawkner's survival and set up a promising year in 2005 for the Blues. Despite losing Young Socceroo captain, Vince Lia and Michael Ferrante to Melbourne Victory, the Blues have inherited the services of other VPL stars.

Sasa Ognenovski and John Angelovski make the move from Preston, while Zoran Petrevski, Danny Materovski and Robert Simeoni carry over their Whittlesea services to complement the Fawkner/Whittlesea line-up.

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Secretary: Frank Montagnese

2005 Team List

Mark Vazzochi	Renewal
Zoran Petrevski	Renewal
Steve Tilovski	Renewal
Frank Tramontana	Renewal
Tony Sterjovski	Renewal
Carl Recchia	Renewal
Robert Stojcevski	Renewal
Massimo Murdocca	Renewal
Michael Bosevski	Renewal
Ross Cardillo	Renewal
Vasko Trpcevski	Renewal
Danny Madarovski	Renewal
Mark Tsiorlas	Renewal
John Angelovski	Renewal
Omar Ayache	Transfer
Sasa Ognenovski	Transfer
Goran Petrovic	Transfer
Joseph Spiteri	Transfer
Kenny Gerohristodoulou	Transfer

Frankston Pines

Since Frankston's promotion into the VPL in 2003, the Pines have been a constant threat in the league and this year, Coach Stan Webster hopes to maintain that trend.



Frankston missed out on a finals berth last year much to the dissatisfaction of Pines fans who saw their team in the top half of the table for most of the season.

This year, 2003 Coach of Year, Stan Webster returns to lead the Pines but finds his task a lot harder after the departure of several players. Pines custodian, Stuart Webster leaves to join the Cannons, while Ricky Diaco joins the Bulleen Zebras.

In return the Pines bring in VIS youngster, Semir Sivic and Anthony Edgar from Knox City. While the Pines chances of making their presence felt in 2005 appear questionable, they should not be underestimated.

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2005 Team List

Liam Swaine	Transfer
Anthony Edgar	Transfer
Ben Kasehagen	Transfer
Jason Rand	Transfer
Matthew Duvand	Transfer
Chris Ross	Transfer
Cameron Dunne	Transfer
Jamie McMinimee	Transfer
Mirza Pedic	Transfer
Spiro Athanasopoulos	Transfer
Dominic D'Angelo	Transfer
David Bray	Transfer
William Armour	Renewal
Simon Webster	Renewal
Scott Webster	Renewal
Trent Malcolm	Renewal
Leopold Cam	Renewal
Elvin Craig	Renewal
Trebbia Leonardo	Renewal
Armour William	Renewal
Nicholas Caleb	Renewal

Green Gully Cavaliers

A constant force in the VPL, Green Gully enters the 2005 with intentions of adding another championship to its name.



The Cavaliers enjoyed mixed fortunes last year. After taking out the title of minor premiers they were knocked out by the Magic in the Preliminary Final in heartbreakin fashion, thanks to a late Doug Mladenovic goal.

In 2005 Ian Dobson returns to Green Gully to try and lead the Cavaliers to another Championship. Along with the replacement of Joe Mullen the Cavaliers have also had to make further structural changes due to the retirement of veteran keeper, Darren MacGrath and the departure of Anthony Magnacca.

However, the ranks have been filled with a number of new signings including Pasi Schwalger from Preston and Lubo Lapsansky. Along with the usual stars, Gully is set for another promising year.

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2005 Team List

Ante Loncaric	Transfer
Lubo Lapsansky	Transfer
Ante Kelic	Transfer
Dean Fak	Renewal
Henry Velkovski	Renewal
Brandon Vassallo	Renewal
Roddy Vargas	Renewal
Nick Tsaltas	Renewal
Josip Rajher	Renewal
Dragi Nastevski	Renewal
Nick Lazarevski	Renewal
Joel Nikolic	Renewal
Andy Vargas	Renewal
Michael Batinovic	Renewal
Philip Riccobene	Renewal
Mathew Dimech	Renewal
Pasi Schwalger	Transfer

Heidelberg United

After an infallible year in State League One, the Bergers find themselves in the VPL ready to take on some old rivals.



The former National League side enjoyed a good year in 2004, finishing the season at the top of the table, two points clear of Sunshine.

Phil Stubbins returns to club along with the help of various new signings that are bound to secure the Bergers' survival in the VPL.

The strengthened Heidelberg outfit will include for NSL star Con Boutsianis, Nick Cuculevski, young gun, Izzi Erdogan and Steve Pantilidis. Together with an assortment of lethal players, the Bergers are expecting to make their presence felt in 2005.

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President: Elias Deliyannis
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Secretary: John Lioupas
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2005 Team List

Billy Damianos	Renewal
Joe Tricarico	Renewal
Yusuf Yusuf	Renewal
Peter Roberts	Transfer
Lupce Acevski	Renewal
Isiyan Erdogan	Transfer
Veton Korcarevski	Transfer
Con Boutsianis	Transfer
Robert Liparoti	Renewal
George Tioulis	Renewal
Adem Kose	Renewal
Tom Karapatsos	Renewal
Angelo Goutzioulis	Transfer
Steve Pantelidis	Transfer
Eric Vassiliadis	Pending
Evan Papadopoulos	Pending
Kamer Simsek	Pending.
Tony Ouliaris	Pending

Melbourne Knights

The proud Melbourne club makes its return to the Premier League after an illustrious career in the NSL.



Following the demise of the NSL, the Knights lost majority of its squad and since rejoining the VPL has been busy recruiting a new line-up.

New coach, Zlatko Vego, who boasts a respected playing career for Croatian first division side, Dynamo Zagreb, has led the rebuilding process.

In order to aid in the re-assimilation, the Knights have acquired the services of VPL veteran and two-time Gold Medal winner, Chris Emsovski, 2004 Goalkeeper of the year Adrian Cagalj and St Albans backline duo Tommy Milardovic and Nevan Antic among many.

The Knights are ensuring a lengthy stay in the VPL and will be hoping to live up to its respected reputation.

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President: Stan Bilic
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2005 Team List

Hrvoje Matkovic	Transfer
Ivan klarica	Transfer
Nathan Caldwell	Transfer
Tomi Razov	Transfer
Neven Antic	Transfer
Alex Kiratzoglou	Transfer
Andrew Barisic	Transfer
Tommy Milardovic	Transfer
Ivan Gelemanovic	Transfer
Davor Filipovic	Transfer
Daniel Rocco	Transfer
Daniel Dopuljic	Transfer
Albert Gjuni	Transfer
Adrian Cagalj	Transfer
Tony Saric	Transfer
Dario Matkovic	Transfer
Chris Emsovski	Transfer
Daniel Piorkowski	Renewal

Oakleigh Cannons

Oakleigh surprised many in 2005 with its stranglehold on the league and ability to thrash the strongest of opponents.



After an excellent year, the Cannons were disappointedly knocked out of the Finals Series by its more experienced counterparts, the Bulleen Zebras and Altona Magic.

In its second year since promotion, Oakleigh is looking to establish its place in the VPL and will look towards Michael Chatzitrifonas to lead the charge.

Chatzitrifonas' squad will not have Adrian Cagalj's acrobatics to rely on since his move to the Knights. However in his absence will be former VPL Goalkeeper of the year, Stuart Webster, who is also joined by former NSL midfielder George Goutzioulis. The Cannons will also have the talents of three Fijian internationals, which will definitely add some fire to the frontline.

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Secretary: Jordan Orfanos
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2005 Team List

PLAYERS NAME	Status
David Bingham	Transfer
Philip Constatntinou	Transfer
Jamie Vasiliou	Transfer
James Tournas	Transfer
Chris Petropoulos	Transfer
Dejan Radojicic	Transfer
William Stolke	Transfer
Billy Poulis	Transfer
Kieron Kennedy	Transfer
Rai Kumar	Transfer
Stefanos Panopoulos	Renewal
Nick Tolios	Renewal
Paul Banis	Renewal
Xhezzir Sulemani	Renewal
Nicholas Marinos	Renewal
Vasilios Daglis	Renewal
Jimmy Latinopoulos	Renewal
Juan Nilo	Renewal
Sam Poutakidis	Renewal
Sasha Pejkovic	Renewal
Felix Rosman	Renewal
Con Deftereos	Renewal
Nicholas Katsamboukas	Renewal

Adam Ewin	Renewal
Stavros Boutsos	Renewal
Lenidas Karipidis	Renewal
George Tzouramanis	Renewal
George Abatzidis	Renewal
Con Anthopoulos	Renewal
Yunal Kumar	Transfer
Jim Drossos	Transfer
John Pappas	Transfer
Antun Kovacic	Transfer
George Goutzioulas	Transfer
Stuart Webster	Transfer
Kosta Olabuntu	Renewal
Hamish Swami	Transfer

Preston Lions

In 2004 Preston made its usual Finals Series appearance after yet another strong performance, which took the Lions to Elimination Finals.



With a strong solid squad at its disposal, Preston has been one of the most consistent teams in the VPL. However that notion will be challenged in 2005, after a series of changes to the Preston lineup.

Preston's trusty Captain, Chris Emsovski will not be there to dictate play from the mid-field after his move to the Knights. Also missing will be striker Naum Sekulovski, who joins A-League side Perth Glory. John Angelovski and Sasa Ognenovski also make the move away from BT Connor Reserve, but Coach Zoran Trajcevski has brought in some new faces.

Anthony Magnacca and youngster Serkan Okzus will strengthen the frontline, while Stephen Pace will take a role in the midfield. Preston has been busy creating that solid trait it is known for and hopes to continue its strong position in the league.

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President: Nick Atanasovski
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Secretary: Saso Dodevski

2005 Team List

Steven Pace	Transfer
Youha Zia	Transfer
Anthony Magnacca	Transfer
Haris Vrbovac	Transfer
Serkan Oksuz	Transfer
Robert Dolevski	Renewal
Pece Siveski	Renewal
John Sapazovski	Renewal
Steven Manceski	Renewal
Les Anastaou	Renewal
Peco Dimovski	Renewal
Tony Groznovski	Renewal
Michael Miskas	Renewal
Radmir Sekulovski	Renewal
Daniel Zilic	Renewal
Jone Dimoski	Renewal
Anthony Jankovski	Renewal
Johny Cvetanovski	Renewal
Mario Roza	Transfer

South Melbourne

South Melbourne makes its Premier League debut after a distinguished career as one of the biggest clubs in the NSL.



Much like the Knights, South has had to start from scratch and build a team strong enough to compete in Victoria's top flight competition.

John Anastasiadis takes on the coaching role and has been busy recruiting a squad capable of getting results. Among the new faces at Bob Jane Stadium are former NSL star, Kosta Salapasidis, Dean Anastasiadis and Billy Natsioulas.

South Melbourne has a big reputation to uphold and will do everything it can to maintain its winning ways. South has a fortune of young talents coming through the ranks, so the future looks bright for the blue and white.

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President: George Donikian

Secretary: Peter Papos

2005 Team List

Scott MacNicol	Transfer
Dean Anastasiadis	Transfer
Ryan Dinse	Transfer
Stavros Georgakakis	Transfer
Sammy De Vito	Transfer
Steven O'Dor	Transfer
Gianni De Nittis	Transfer
James Stefanou	Transfer
Evan Karavitis	Transfer
Bill Natsioulas	Transfer
Tex Apostolikas	Transfer
Con Blatsis	Transfer
Kosta Salapasidis	Transfer
Vaughan Covney	Transfer
Con Dimitropoulos	Transfer
Nick Curtis	Transfer
Peter Koutsoupias	Transfer
Arthur Tsonis	Transfer
Arthur Tsirtsakis	Transfer

St Albans Saints

The St Albans Saints enjoyed a consistent first half of the season in 2004, but were unable to maintain its form and finished the season in seventh place, missing out on a Finals place.



Following the end of the 2004 season, the Saints underwent a series of changes that has affected the entire make-up of the team.

Vlado Vanis has been replaced by Srecko Baresic, who hopes to rebuild the Saints into a championship winning side, despite the departure of some key players.

The off-season saw the departure of defenders Tommi Razov and Tommy Milardovic. Nevan Antic also leaves the club, while Paul Urloovic's presence will also be missed.

Coming to alleviate some gaps at the front will be Ivan Razov and Vinko Buljubasic will strengthen the defence. The Saints will need to find and keep their taste for victories as 2005 will be a huge test.

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2005 Team List

Paul Bossio	Transfer
Marijan Vunderl	Renewal
Joesph Suric	Renewal
Ivan Razov	Transfer
Martin Raspudic	Renewal
Richard Pete	Renewal
Mark Paleka	Renewal
Ivan Miol	Renewal
Nikola Gazic	Renewal
Stjepan Gal	Renewal
Ivan Filipovic	Renewal
Ilija Dragicevic	Renewal
Max Cuze	Renewal
Vinko Buljubasic	Transfer

Sunshine Georgies

Chris Taylor carefully groomed his side to and achieved promotion into the VPL in style. The Georgies travelled the whole 2004 State League One season side by side with Heidelberg and always looked certain to join the VPL.



The former NSL club hopes to make a return to glory days where winning was synonymous with the Georgies.

Chris Taylor's confidence in his squad continues to show as he has kept the bulk of last year's squad. However, some new faces have been brought in to complement the team and provide some Premier League experience.

Marino Gasparis makes the move from Bulleen and is accompanied by Steven Camilleri from Frankston. The Georgies exceeded expectation by gaining promotion so they should definitely not be underestimated.

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2005 Team List

Fredy Pedrotti	New Player Cleared O/seas Contract
Paul Galea	Renewal
Ben Stafrace	Renewal
Eduardo Soares	Renewal
Emmanuel Muscat	Renewal
Derek Galea	Renewal
Peter Spiteri	Renewal
Tony Neceski	Renewal
Terry Antoniadis	Renewal
Dusko Delic	Renewal
Matthew Pace	Renewal
Marinos Gasparis	Transfer
Steven Camilleri	Transfer
Robert Brian	Transfer
Damir Salcin	Transfer
Brett Gilmore	Transfer
Zoran Pajic	Transfer
Jasmin Sehic	Transfer
Christopher Greechan	Waiting on clearance
Trent Waterson	Waiting on clearance
Ashley Lymm	Waiting on clearance